(c) the date by when this new system is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Union Public Service Commission are considering the use of the computer aided "paperless" examinations system. In order to test its effectiveness, the U.P.S.C. have entrusted the National Informatics Centre with the task of conducting one of their smaller recruitment examinations this year, using the new method.

(c) No definite date has yet been fixed for introduction of the new system.

Stores Set up by Kendriya Bhandar

2225. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stores and fair price shops which have been set up by Kendriya Bhandar in Tamil Nadu and whether there is a proposal to set up any more shops in the current year;

(b) whether Government have any plan to open stores and fair price shops at Madurai in Tamil Nadu in the current year or in next year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Kendriya Bhandar have set up 8 Stores and 4 Fair Price shops in Tamil Nadu. There is no proposal to set up any more shops in the current year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Branches of Kendriya Bhandar are opened mostly in areas having concentration of Central Government employees, taking into account factors like availability of marketing facilities, financial viability of the new stores as well as, availability of suitable and adequate accommodation on a nominal rent. These criteria are not fulfilled in the case of Madurai.

Promotion of Section Officers

2226. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the direct recruit Section Officers appointed through Civil Services Examination get promotions earlier than their counterpart promotee Section Officers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the direct recruit Section Officers have become Deputy Secretaries with a span of 15 years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the promotee Section Officers with 12 years of regular service are yet to get their promotion; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to the grievances of the promotee Section Officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Promotion to Grade I of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) is made by selection from amongst permanent Section Officers with 8 years approved service in the grade (4 years for SC/ST officers whose juniors are considered for promotion) falling within the field of selection; in accordance with the rules and regulations in this regard. Officers with 5 years approved service in Grade I are eligible for promotion as Deputy Secretary.

(b) The position varies from year to year. In the latest panel of Deputy Secretary of CSS for the year 1991 issued on 9th November, 1992, of the 21 direct recruit Section Officers included, 1 officer counts his approved service as Section Officer from 1-7-77, 3 officers from 1-7-76 and the remaining 17 officers from earlier dates.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The promotion of an officer depends on the availability of vacancies, his position in the field of selection and the merit of the officer.

Demands of SC/ST

2227. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rally was organised by National Confederation of SC/ST Organisations on 26th July, to press Government to consider the long pending demands of SC/ST Employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a memorandum was submitted to this fact to the Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) A letter dated 10-7-93 from the Hon'ble M.P. addressed to the Prime Minister informing him that a rally would be organised on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament in favour of the demands of the National Federation of SC/ST organisations was received. A reply has since been given to the Hon'ble M.P.

Ignoring the Advice of UPSC

2228. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cases in which the advice given by the Union Public Service Commission has been ignored during the 1991-92; and

(b) what the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) The Report of the UPSC is being finalised and will be laid on the Table of the House.

2229. [Transferred to 20th August, 1993]

2230. [Transferred to 20th August, 1993].

National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme in Social Welfare Sector

2231. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a national water supply and sanitation programme was introduced in social welfare sector in the year 1954;

(b) if so, whether Government feels that rural water supply schemes are being implemented as per the requirements;

(c) whether after 1954 Central Government introduced an accelerated RWSP in 1972-73;

(d) if so, whether even after introducing the scheme, the water supply in rural areas have not improved;

(e) if so, whether the water shortage still continues in the rural areas; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Out of 1,61,722 identified problem villages as on 1-4-1985, all except 733 no source problem villages have been provided safe drinking water facilities fully or partially as per the prescribed norms as on 30th June, 1993. These left over no source villages in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh are likely to be provided safe drinking water facilities by 31-3-94, with the special central assistance already provided to most of these States and by utilising normal plan funds under Minimum Needs Programme and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(f) The above villages could not be covered so far due to inaccessibility, limited working season, lack of adequate infrastructure and longer time required for completion of piped water supply schemes/gravity feed schemes.

Identification of Families for Poverty Alleviation

2232. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have any plans for correct identification of families which constitute the target group for poverty alleviation;